

which will soon come back to life as a new community, housing families and individuals. He and his work remind us of the cultural, commercial, and ecological importance of the river. It is fundamental to our very identities as Minnesotans.

Through his work, Dr. Anfinson has educated countless Minnesotans about the unique cultural heritage of the Mississippi, and he has inspired the public to appreciate and take advantage of the treasures the river offers to our State and country. He has contributed to our understanding of the history of the river through his books, "River of History" and "The River We Have Wrought." His impact will be felt as generations and generations of Americans have the opportunity to learn about the Mississippi enjoy all that it has to offer.

As our climate changes and our State changes in countless other ways, it is vital that we prioritize good stewardship of the river. That means cleaning the waters. That means maintaining our river communities and the infrastructure—natural and manmade—necessary to protect them from flooding. We will be challenged to constantly envision, plan, and take action to make sure we have a Mississippi River worthy of the legacy we want to pass on to the next generation of Minnesotans. Dr. Anfinson and his work will continue to guide us for years to come.

It is an honor to offer my sincerest congratulations to Dr. Anfinson on his retirement. Minnesota thanks him for his countless contributions to the environment and our treasured Mississippi River.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CATHY HUGHES

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a tenacious entrepreneur, visionary radio personality, and powerful advocate for the African-American community, Cathy Hughes. This year, her pioneering radio company, Urban One, celebrated 40 years on the air. Cathy Hughes has left an indelible mark on the State of Maryland and inspired millions of listeners across the country.

This titan of the airwaves began her extraordinary career in Omaha, NE, where she worked for a local radio station, KOWH. But it was when she moved to Washington, DC, in 1971 to pursue a job at the Howard University School of Communications that her career took off. While working at Howard, she got involved in the university's radio program as a station manager. In her first year on the job, she increased the station's revenue twelvefold.

Cathy Hughes has always aimed high, and when she learned that the local DC radio station WOL was up for sale, she seized the opportunity. After being denied a loan 32 times, she finally received the bank financing she needed. So she purchased WOL, founded her own media company, Radio One, and

quickly soared to new heights. Cathy Hughes revolutionized radio by rebuilding WOL from the ground up, literally, and brought on grassroots volunteers from the neighborhood to develop her station's headquarters on H Street and 4th Northeast, just a short walk from the U.S. Capitol. Her innovative broadcasts captured the attention of the African-American community and attracted a wide audience of devoted listeners.

Although she got her start in Washington, DC, Cathy Hughes has become a champion for Maryland. When her company first expanded out of Washington, its first stop was Baltimore. And her flagship venture, which was renamed Urban One in 2017, is now headquartered in Silver Spring. She has cultivated strong roots in Anne Arundel County and has been living in Pasadena for 20 years. Today, Urban One's broadcasts reach households across Maryland and provide a platform for honest conversation on the issues that matter to our State. Cathy Hughes has given back time and time again to the communities that raised her up by hiring locally and employing countless Marylanders. That tradition of uplifting others has remained a hallmark of her career. Her company, which now houses two new multimedia ventures, CLEO TV and TV One, both stationed in Maryland, has created 1,500 jobs.

In the 40 years since purchasing WOL, Cathy Hughes has never stopped overcoming barriers. In 1999, she became the first African-American woman to chair the board of a publicly held corporation. She headed the first African-American-run company to succeed in multiple radio markets simultaneously. Cathy Hughes made history again as the first woman to own a radio station ranked No. 1. Her trailblazing multimedia enterprise now reaches 82 percent of the African-American community and has cultivated a devoted weekly following of 15 million listeners.

Speaking of Cathy Hughes' inspiring career, Reverend Al Sharpton said, "She took the 'mute' button off of Black America." Her legacy has been defined by a commitment to speaking up for those who have long been silent in the radio arena. While she has already lived a storied life and achieved enormous success, Cathy Hughes hasn't slowed down. Her recent efforts to highlight local Black businesses struggling to weather the storm of this pandemic speaks to the depth of her lifelong passion for shining the spotlight on others. While her name has already been inscribed on the aptly renamed Cathy Hughes School for Communications at Howard University where she once worked, her story is still being written.●

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6107. A communication from the Counsel for Regulations and Legislation, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Housing Counseling Program: Revision of the Certification Timeline" (RIN2502-ZA34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6108. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the International Criminal Court that was declared in Executive Order 13928 of June 11, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6109. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6110. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Certain Alcohol-Related Regulations Governing Bond Requirements and Tax Return Filing Periods" (RIN1513-AC30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6111. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2021-02, Technical Amendments" (FAC 2021-02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6112. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2021-02, Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2021-02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6113. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2019-002, Recreational Services on Federal Lands" (RIN9000-AN85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6114. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2018-023, Taxes-Foreign Contracts in Afghanistan" (RIN9000-AN81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6115. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2020-006, Documentation of Market Research" (RIN9000-AO09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December